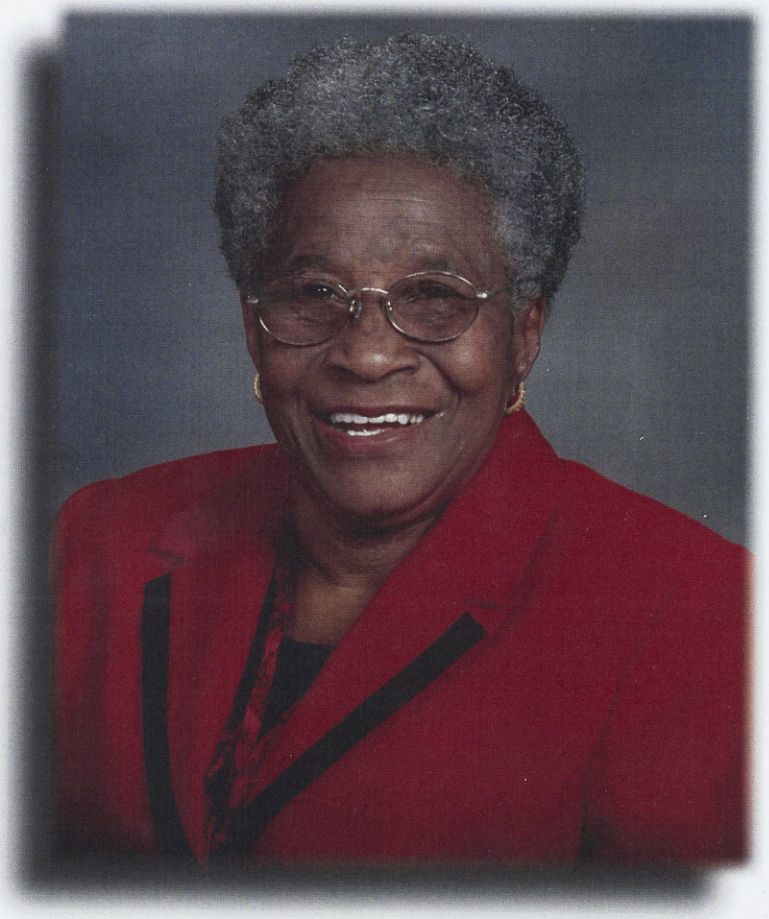
Celebrating the Life of

Eula "Gettie" Averhart



Sunrise
June 29, 1933

Sunset
September 28 , 2013

Friday, October 4, 2013 – 11 a.m.
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 So. 52nd Street, Richmond, California
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor
Minister Otis Harris, Officiant

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Brother Steven Green
Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

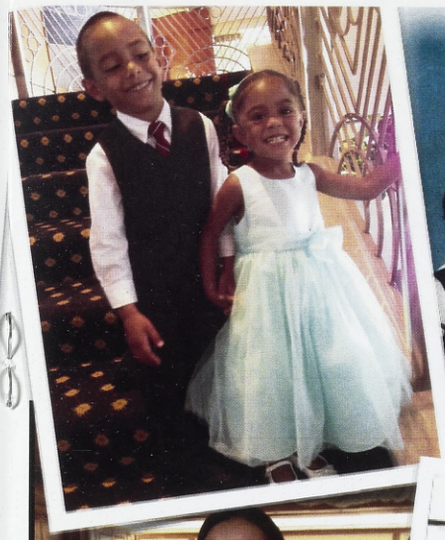
Scriptures :

Old Testament.....Pastor Ron Levias
New Testament.....Superintendent Elder Bill Levias
Prayer..... Superintendent Elder Bill Levias
Solo .....Mrs. Reva Butler
Remarks.....Minister LuCatheryn Birdwell
Expressions.....(2 minutes please)
Acknowledgements.....Sister Judy Matthews
Solo .....Mrs. Bonita Taylor
Obituary.....Read Silently
Solo.....Brother Steven Green
Eulogy.....Minister Otis Harris

Parting View
Recessional
Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Service

Internment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Repast – St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Robert L. Johnson Fellowship Hall



Eula Averharts' life began in Prattville, Alabama on June 29, 1933. Eula was born to the proud parents of Wash and Birdie Lee Riley-Malachi. She accepted Christ at an early age. Eula married Eugene Averhart and they were blessed with a daughter Veronika. She traveled extensively as a military wife to many foreign countries including Germany and various places in the United States for over twenty years. During her travels she worked and continued her education abroad until she established permanent residency in Richmond, CA in the early 1960's. Eula became a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in the early 1960's and was active there throughout her life especially with the culinary committee.

Eula Averhart was known throughout Contra Costa County for her fearless, passionate and successful advocacy for social justice, education and community development. In 2010 she received a proclamation from Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, Richmond, CA for more than 50 years of community service as a "living legend and tireless driver of positive social change."

She was a founding member of Richmond's Community Development Commission which ensured community input on the allocation of HUD Funded Community Development Block Grants. During her tenure as President of the Coronado Neighborhood Council, she helped to establish and raise donations for a Scholarship Fund to encourage local youth to attend college. In addition, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Richmond Community Development Corporation, she encouraged small business development and helped to ensure that local and minority owned contractors had access to low-cost financing and bonding. Her efforts helped small businesses compete for contracts to help build the Richmond Marina.

As the consummate servant leader, Eula Averhart did not accept payment for her service to the community and at great personal sacrifice, faithfully attended countless meetings and participated in door-to-door outreach to make sure that her neighbors were kept informed about important events and policies that affected their lives.

Eula Averhart was preceded in death by her parents Wash and Birdie Lee; her husband, Eugene Averhart; daughter, Veronika Taylor; and siblings Roger Riley, Emma Peoples, Ann Golson, Theodis Riley and Irie Gaines. She leaves behind to cherish her memory brothers James Riley and John Riley; grandchildren Paul and Radiah Victor, Eugene and Bonita Taylor and Jackson Taylor III and Elizabeth; and great-grandchildren Veronika, Marek, Paul Jr., Jelani, Jasmine E'lan and Jaliyah. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Averhart Mama

Although I cannot see you,
I feel your presence near.
I will hold you close in memory,
Till I drop my very last tear.

So sleep now with the angels,
And your golden heart let rest.
Although our hearts are broken,
We know GOD took the best.

So dance beyond those golden gates,
And join your loving mom.
I'll see you when I'm sleeping,
And pray for you to come.

And although this pain is painful,
And I really don't wanna let you go.
I'll wait for death to take me,
So we can together one day glow.

Until that day I'll close my eyes,
and see your smiling face.
I'll lock you up inside me heart,
Until we again embrace.

So rest now my beautiful lady,
I'll never forget how much you have done.
So until my hand meets yours again,
Sleep now in the sun.

Radiah, Eugene and BJ

Pallbearers

Maurice Kilpatrick
John Riley II
Mikel Riley
Kevin Golson
Edward Porter
Brian Pierce

Honorary Pallbearers

Kharey Riley
Paul Victor
Eugene Taylor
Jackson Taylor III
Herman Waller
Randy Wright

Acknowledgment

The Family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindest during our time of sympathy. Your prayers, calls, and visits will remain with us. A very special thanks to the Culinary Committee of St. John which she truly enjoyed working with throughout her time at St. John.
We ask that you continue to keep us in your prays as we continue to heal from the loss of our sister and family member, Eula Averhart.
The Family-

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Service
3331 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805